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The reply brief filed 5/27/03 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. The request for oral hearing filed 5/27/03 has been acknowledged.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melody M. Burch whose telephone number is 703-306-4618. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:30 AM-4:00 PM).

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